



## **ANDREAS PARISH COMMISSIONERS**

*BARRANTEE SKEEREY ANDREAYS*

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### **Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.15pm in Andreas Parish Hall, Smeale Road, Andreas**

Members Present: Mrs JEH Faragher JF; Mrs Susan Craine (SC); Mr A Silverston (AS); Mr D Bolton (DB); Mr S Morrey (SM)

In attendance – Clerk (Ms M Callow)

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

1. Election of the Chairperson for ensuing year  
SC proposed JF as Chair; SM 2<sup>nd</sup> this proposal, the Board agreed; and JF accepted.
2. Election of Vice-Chairperson.  
SM proposed SC as Vice-Chair; DB 2<sup>nd</sup> this proposal, the Board agreed and SC accepted.
3. Election of Members to Committees and Boards  
**Northern Civic Amenity Site:** JF proposed AS; SC 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board agreed and AS accepted.  
**Northern Parishes Refuse Board:** SM proposed SC; and JF 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board agreed and SC accepted.  
**Northern Local Authority Swimming Pool Board:** SC proposed DB; SM 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board agreed and DB accepted.  
**Ramsey & Northern Districts Elderly Persons Housing Committee:** JF proposed SM; SC 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Board agreed and SM accepted.  
**Northern Neighbours Police Team (Community Partnership):** AS proposed JF; SC 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board agreed and JF accepted.
4. The current Standing Orders (July 2023) were unanimously adopted by the Board.
5. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2026 having been circulated, were taken as read and approved. Proposed by SC and 2<sup>nd</sup> by SM, they were signed by the Chair JF as a correct record.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2026.
- a) Year of Manx Language. JF and SC suggested the signpost should have 6 fingers with directions in Manx & English;  
*Keeill/ Church; Premmee/ Public Conveniences; Paark Cloie/ Play Park; Shapp/ Shop; Bun-scoill/ Primary School; and Thie lhionney/ Pub.*  
The Board discussed this but as the siting of the post is not yet decided it wasn't confirmed that these would be the final directions. The Clerk reminded them that the full costing for the project needs to be presented to Culture Vannin by 21<sup>st</sup> August in time for the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> September if the Commissioners hope to get funding for this project.
- b) Cains Croft – unsafe buildings.  
The landowners have enquired if work to clear the site and fall the unsafe buildings is still going ahead. The Clerk reported that until recently the land has been too wet to allow vehicles in the area. SM confirmed that he will contact DEFA regarding an exemption licence as we are now in the restricted period for hedge trimming etc. The Clerk will contact the landowner when more information is available.
- c) The Village Phone Box.  
Unfortunately, there has been no progress regarding shelving for the books but the Commissioners will continue to work on this project. It was noted that plastic crates have been put inside the Phone Box for book storage. It will also need repainting in future.
- d) 40 mph Speed buffer zones for Andreas village.  
Correspondence received from DOI asked what Andreas Commissioners considered priority routes in this matter as the DOI are having difficulty scheduling this work. The Commissioners agreed that the priority routes are A9 approach to Andreas from Ramsey; the A17 approach from St Judes and the A17 approach from Bride (Burma Road). Other B road approaches were not considered priority by the Board. The Clerk will relay this information to DOI Highways.
- e) Manx Aviation Trail for Andreas Parish.  
Mr Quine will get in touch when his presentation for this project is ready
- f) Gran Fondo – use of Ballacunner footpath for cycle race – July 2026  
The Clerk met with the organiser to explain that the Commissioners are concerned that a footpath is being used for cycle races and that this path is notoriously wet. The Commissioners suggested that the lower path which exits on Leodest Road and is marked as a PROW should be used. The organiser has visited the area but not reported back to the Clerk yet
- g) DEFA consultation re: use of beach cast seaweed for fertiliser closes- May 8<sup>th</sup>  
Andreas Parish Commissioners are not responsible for any of the beach areas in Andreas Parish. However, they commented that due to micro plastics and various toxic substances deposited into the sea they would be unlikely to recommend the use of seaweed for fertiliser.
- h) Parish Hall kitchen refurbishment. Deferred
- i) Parish Hall bookings. Deferred

- j) Womens Institute storage at Hall.  
This has been agreed and will start at the start of June. The WI will provide their own storage cupboards and be responsible for any insurance cover required.
- k) Untaxed vehicles at shop.  
Some vehicles have been removed, and another has since been taxed. The Chair will report this matter to the Police at the next Northern Police Group meeting as they are parked in a restricted area.

## **7. Correspondence**

- a) Notice received from DOI Highways giving advance notice of Summer Surface treatment works for highways around the Island. Noted
- b) Confirmation received from Isle of Man Constabulary of Inspector Wendy Barker to meet with Andreas Commissioners on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Noted
- c) Request received from local resident for Andreas Commissioners to consider having plastic recycling in the village. The Commissioners will investigate a similar project to the 'fish' on Ramsey promenade.
- d) Notice received from Public Health asking for feedback from Local Authorities with regard to impacts arising from the ongoing situation in the Middle East.

The Board reported that this was impacting everyone through rising cost of living expenses. Some Members reported their own individual employment is being impacted due to loss of work and this is most likely the case for many individuals . Clerk to report back to Cabinet Office.

- e) Further correspondence received from Local resident requesting details of operating procedures and the decisions made by the Commissioners. The Board prepared a response to these queries which included a request from the individual for meetings to be live streamed. The Board considered this but unanimously agreed that they do not intend to pursue this at this stage as aside from this request there has been no demand for this service. As the Commissioners are willing to give up their evenings to attend meetings, they suggested that residents with serious concerns would commit to the same to attend a meeting, as many residents have done previously.
- f) Email received from Marine Infrastructure Planning giving details of further hearings set for the Mooir Vannin offshore project. Noted
- g) Notice received from Local Government support regarding the removal of Clause 5 from the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023. The Legislative Council will now consider the Bill as amended by the House of Keys in May. Noted
- h) Request from Royal British Legion to conduct House to House collections in Andreas from 24<sup>th</sup> October to 7<sup>th</sup> November 2026. The Board agreed this request
- i) Letter received from Arbory and Rushen Parish Commissioners regarding process for application for Cair Vie Wind Farm. Noted
- j) Notice received from IOM Information Commission noting completion of fees consultation. Recommendations now been forwarded to Treasury.
- k) Notice received from Cabinet Office re: Unoccupied Urban Sites register. Consultation and call for sites. Noted.

## **8. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING**

WPA/08/2026. Discharge Licence Application. The Lough, Bernahara Road, Andreas IM72EL. Treated sewage effluent piped via a partial soak-a-way from a Klargester BA-X to a nearby stream. *APC have no objections to this application*

PA 26/00221/B. The Lough, Bernahara Road, Andreas IM72EL. Erection of single storey extensions to rear elevation *APC have no objections to this application*

PA 26/00201/B. Farmhouse Ballacrebbin, Bernhara Road, Andreas. Erection of detached single story holiday cabin. *APC have no objections to this application*

PA 26/00266/B. Sycamore Cottage, Ballacorey Road, Andreas IM7 4EL. Erection of detached swimming pool *APC have no objections to this application*

## **9. NCAS**

The Board noted that the actual opening date for the site was Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, although no official notification was given to LA's.

AS has emailed DOI with a number of questions regarding the site including:

an opening date for the re-use site; (he reported that the increase in running costs is alleged to include the operation of the re-use site); an update regarding the set-up for the proposed Joint Board; confirmation that Bride Parish Commissioners will be joining the Board and paying RV as agreed by other Boards; confirmation or otherwise that DOI is to underwrite the additional costs for this financial year. Responses to these questions were not available for the meeting

## **10. Andreas War Memorial refurbishment**

The Board have received a letter from Elizabeth Clucas Charitable Trust offering a donation towards cost of War Memorial refurbishment. A letter will be sent to ECCT acknowledging this and the Boards gratitude for the donation.

The Clerk requested that the Church be kept informed when the work begins. The colour match for the column is yet to be confirmed.

## **11. Andreas Airfield Development**

An Executive summary was received from IPV Flexgen following an informal meeting with Andreas on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April regarding the proposed development of Andreas Airfield. This meeting covered technical details of the proposed site and proposed timelines for the development going forward. IPV Flexgen hope to meet with Tynwald w/c 18<sup>th</sup> May and also intend to meet with APC again. The Parish Hall has been booked for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June (9am-9PM) for IPV Flexgen to host a public consultation. This will be advertised prior to and post TT for residents to attend.

## **12. Any Other Business**

- a) The Board considered if they would claim Travelling and Attendance Allowances for the forthcoming financial year. JF proposed and SM 2<sup>nd</sup> that the Board Members would not claim any allowances. The Board Members unanimously agreed.
- b) The Board requested that personal emails are not published and correspondence is directed through the Clerk.
- c) The Clerk reported that safety cut Hedge trimming would be taking place prior to TT and requested the Board to identify any areas requiring attention. (A list has already been circulated to the Contractor.) SC requested that the village signs be made visible.
- d) Membership of IOMM Ass. for the forthcoming financial year. The Board discussed the benefits of this. AS proposed and DB 2<sup>nd</sup> to continue for a further year and it was agreed to continue.
- e) SC asked if a regular update of works done around the Parish could be posted on FB. The Clerk suggested that all this information is in the Minutes but if any Member wanted to prepare a regular brief the Clerk would post it on FB.
- f) JF reported that Membership for the Youth Club is steadily growing and following the Summer break it's hoped that members from the Junior Club will transfer to the Senior Club. She asked if there were any further thoughts from the Members regarding the installing of Wi-Fi as it was thought that a mobile router would be sufficient for the evenings. Unfortunately, this hasn't progressed but AS suggested investigating Star link for the Hall as costs for this service are now reducing. No decision was made on this at the meeting, and it will be deferred to the June meeting.
- g) The Clerk reported that the Hall painting hadn't yet started as there had been an issue with pressure washing but hopefully this is now resolved, and the work will commence shortly. The Notice Board has been taken down and will be transferred to 'Men in Sheds' in Ramsey to be refurbished. JF and SM to arrange.
- h) The Clerk reported that the Play Park surrounding fence has been tampered with and the padlocks put in place to allow access for the ride-on mower have been removed and replaced with bolts. The Commissioners have no knowledge of who has done this, but it is very inconvenient for the Contractor who will now have to replace the padlocks before being able to access the site for the grass to be trimmed.
- i) The Clerk reported that some Local Authorities now have Wardens who are industry-trained to inspect Play Park equipment. The Board suggested further enquires be made with a view to scheduling an inspection in August. Clerk to action.
- j) The Clerk reported that the Village Clock service will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May and the lighting unit will also be replaced.

**Date for next meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 10.10 pm

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